

## **Abstract**

### **Victims of domestic violence and their Criminal Law protection**

This diploma thesis deals with a domestic violence, its victims and options of their protection that can be found at Criminal Law.

Domestic violence, due to its unique aspects, is considered to be a really sensitive issue that had unfortunately stayed in silence for many years. This silence had been caused especially by the fact that violence incidents usually occur outside of public, in privacy of victims' home. That is why some people tend to improperly consider domestic violence as strictly private manner that does not need to be regulated by state officials. There has been a significant shift for few last decades thanks to interest of professional and also non-professional public. The phenomenon of domestic violence has become being on stage and programs and preventive plans of help for treated persons are just being implemented. Despite all of mentioned improvements, domestic violence does represent the widespread, but still underestimated, social problem.

The aim of this paper is to clarify the characteristics of domestic violence, especially with reference to its key features, symptoms, types of offenders and victims, and regarding existing legislation as well.

The introductory part does further describe the actual development of the concept for domestic violence including a general definition and does concern about the factors that could lead to this aggression, persistent myths and dominant characters that are essentially linked to this pathology behavior. List of specific types and kinds of violent attacks does follow, all of them are defined in more details.

Upcoming chapter is about a personality of domestic wrongdoer, his/ her character traits that could lead to aggression, followed by section that describes the factual threatened persons, which are not only women, but also children, elder or handicapped people and even men. For each of these groups is described how these people react on domestic violence and what is the impact of domestic violence to their physical and mental conditions.

List of related crimes does go after, it means especially crimes Maltreatment of a Person Living in Common Residence, Maltreatment of Entrusted Person and other similar

activities. Remaining chapters deal with procedural aspect and institutes to protect a victim. The paper is ended by evaluation of so called Istanbul Convention and selected preventative measures of the state officials.

The very last chapter of this thesis is conclusion that does summarize all of its findings.